



Parishes of the
**Resurrection
of the Lord**

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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

Opening Prayer: Help us to direct our actions here on earth O Lord according to your Holy will so that we may be worthy to behold you face to face.

Managers whose Aim is the Things of the World: In the Gospel Reading today Jesus admits that some people, the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light (Cf. Luke 16: 8-9). The children of this world are those persons who see and value only the things of this world. They live for this world, concentrate their attention on it, invest everything in it, give the energies of mind and body fully to it, and find in it their entire purpose for living. Unique to this group is the unjust or crafty manager who in the face of an impending crises acted wisely and promptly in order to provide for his own future. He did all in his power to protect his future interest by being clever in the worldly way-using money to make friends. Like the unjust steward who was crooked and resourceful in dealing with the things of the world, the first reading presents us with the dishonest practices of the people who manipulated the poor and were more interested in making money rather than using money and loving people. What is even worse is that all the dishonest businessmen in today's First Reading and the unjust steward in today's Gospel did not take God into consideration. As managers their aim is the things of the world and their shrewdness and enthusiasm about them. Their time, talent and treasure were geared towards themselves with no reference or even regard for the spiritual or God. Good and honest managers or stewards are not to be selfish and self-centred individuals who only care about themselves while neglecting God and anyone else.

Managers whose Aim is God, Persons and the Things of the World: It is in relation to God, persons and things that the Gospel Reading for today call on us "*children of light*" to be astute and shrewd. Good managers or stewards are expected to live and handle people, the world and the things therein with due consideration to God and His own reign. Christian managers are not only expected to overcome the natural tendency in them to be mastered by the people and the things of the world, but they are to have much initiative, interest and enterprise concerning the spiritual things that relate to God and His kingdom. Good managers or stewards cannot deny that there is God who is infinitely greater and better than people or things. He who we are to adore and worship is the one God not ourselves, other people or even the things that are created by God. People are also made in the image and likeness of God who is infinitely greater than things and are less great than God. Our vocation is to love people and use things. The things of this world are in themselves good but when compared to the creator-God and to human beings they are noting. Good stewards are called to use things enterprisingly, cleverly and responsibly for the common good and to reach God.

How we Become Astute and Prudent Managers who Invest for their Future: The children of light are those who in every way see real, eternal, spiritual values as primary and regard temporal values as secondary. They regard themselves as mere managers of God and view their resources as simply given to them on trust by God. Christians, who are the children of light need to have the kind of prudence, that is, having care and thought for the future-as the unjust steward. They are to be smart in the pursuit of the kingdom of God just as godless people are smart in their pursuit of their selfish temporal goals and ambitions. In order to gain the only thing that matters in the future, which is, God and His reign, now is the time to be smart and invest all temporal and spiritual resources. Jesus makes three clear statements about how we become smart and so are able to shape our future. First, as a way of being smart so as to shape our future, Jesus tells us to use money wisely by giving it to the poor: "*I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings*" (Luke 16: 9). Those who receive monetary assistance from us become our friends now and in heaven later. When we share our money with the poor, we also bridge the horrifying gap between the rich and the poor, thus we create a just society where all persons can have peaceful and tranquil lives in perfect dignity. Second, Jesus also makes it clear that we become wise and resourceful and so are able to shape our future by being faithful in the little things of life: "*The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones*" (Lk 16: 10). Little drops of water, little gains of sand make the mighty ocean. Similarly, our great doing of little things makes a great life and the responsible use of little things on earth determine our great reward in heaven. When we neglect little deeds of kindness, little words of love or little acts of forgiveness, we neglect our duty to shape our future which is a kingdom of love, unity and peace. Third, according to Jesus we become astute and prudent and so are able to shape our future when we treat God as the first and highest master in our life: "*No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon*" (Luke 16: 13). As stewards, we are to give God the highest place in our lives. The Lord Jesus Christ would not have us serve him and other things or person equally. We are to put God first, serve Him and rely on God who is our Father in heaven. We consider this passage not as a matter of choosing one thing or the other but we see it as the question of priority. Our primary allegiance is to God. While attending to all that is required of us, we give value to God over and above what we do. God comes first and so other things take their proper place after God. The invitation here is to make God our top priority because God is the greatest, most valuable, most precious thing in the universe.

Closing Prayer: May we manage people and things of the world ingeniously so that we are able to bring about the common good and the reign of God in our midst.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	27,141.51	30,884.70	8,973.36	5,870.26
Actual Year-to-Date:	29,773.56	31,067.89	8,410.29	6,780.15
Date: Sept. 11, 2022:	466.00	1,705.90	836.00	326.20
Other Collections:	2,256.40	-	244.00	-

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, September 17, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(For all our Faithful Departed)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Oliver DeRocher)

Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine
8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Clifford and Mary Anderson)
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

Monday, September 19, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For all Priests, Deacons, Brothers & Sisters)

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

NO MASS - Priest Convocation

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

NO MASS - Priest Convocation

Thursday, September 22, 2022

NO MASS - Priest Convocation

Friday, September 23, 2022

No Mass Today

Saturday, September 24, 2022

****BISHOP WALSH IS VISITING**

**ST. RAPHAEL AND ST. GABRIEL TODAY!!
POTLUCK AFTER MASS @ ST. RAPHAEL****

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael with Potluck
(For the Youth of our Parishes)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Fr. Robert Bissot)

Sunday, September 25, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Vincent Klemmer)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

MASS FOR ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

9/28 - St. Catherine and St. Gabriel: September 28 at 11am at St. Catherine
There will be a luncheon following Mass at St. Catherine

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. Catherine /St. Gabriel Lector and Eucharistic Minister schedules are now in the works, if there is a weekend you are not available please contact the parish office by Sept 25th. 989-471-5121.
- COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**
St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, September 25th following mass.
St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sunday's!
St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturday's!
- ATTENTION ALL PARISHES!!** We are ordering new envelopes for next year soon. Please call the church office to register if you would like to receive envelopes for your offerings to the church.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**
 - Volunteers needed in the St. Anne Cemetery to fill in the potholes. There is a pile of topsoil behind the shed. Please contact the office to get all the details.
 - Volunteers are needed to clean St. Anne Church for the months of October - December.
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

AM 8:4-7, 1 TM 2:1-8,
LK 16:1-13

MONDAY:

PRV 3:27-34,
LK 8:16-18

TUESDAY:

PRV 21:1-6, 10-13,
LK 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY:

EPH 4:1-7, 11-13,
MT 9:9-13

THURSDAY:

ECCL 1:2-11,
LK 9:7-9

FRIDAY:

ECCL 3:1-11,
LK 9:18-22

SATURDAY:

ECCL 11:9—12:8,
LK 9:43B-45

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. John McCracken

Monday:

Rev. Ruben Munoz

Tuesday:

Vocations to the priesthood
and all religious life

Wednesday:

Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz

Thursday:

Rev. Robert W. Nalley

Friday:

Rev. Bradley Nursey

Saturday:

All Seminarians

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Would you like to help strengthen Northern Michigan's families and communities?

We invite you to pray. In the month of September our parishes will Embrace Catholic Human Services. This agency is the visible sign of Catholic good works in our communities. CHS is celebrating 50 years of service in the Diocese of Gaylord. Please pray every day for the continued success of CHS. To learn more about this prayer support initiative, please enroll. Each week you will receive an email (or regular mail for those who prefer). It will include a story of people who give or receive these services, a prayer and scripture. Catholichumanservices.org/prayer-project or call Susan (989)785-3030.

Prayer Project Bulletin Articles #1: What is Catholic Human Services?

Let me introduce you to Catholic Human Services! This remarkable agency bears the name of our faith and provides many good works among us. CHS provides companionship to lonely seniors, an outstanding open adoption program that seeks to respect the dignity of all parties, skilled counseling for addiction recovery, family turmoil, or employment stress, and a foster grandparent program, among others. In addition, there are opportunities for employment in northern Michigan in an agency with Catholic values. Our parish will be praying for CHS through the month of September. Won't you join us? By registering at catholichumanservices.org/prayer-project, you will receive materials to guide your prayer and increase your understanding of CHS: a weekly prayer and scripture verse as well as a collection of stories in the voice of people touched by the work of CHS. For those who prefer paper mail, please call Susan at 989.785.3030 ext. 2416

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL '22

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) provides the financial support for a number of important services maintained by the Diocese of Gaylord. It is expected that the parishioners of each parish will provide the assigned amount of support projected by the Diocese as that parishes' goal.

As of Wednesday, September 12th, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$17,310 which is 74% of our goal. We need an additional \$6,082. To date, 46 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 28% of our members. St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$26,770.00 which is 91% of our goal. We need an additional \$1,334.00. To date 77 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 63% of our members. St. Gabriel & St. Raphael have both reached their CSA goal in contributions but not in participation.

If you have not already contributed or pledged, please do so soon! It is imperative that we reach our goal. Thank you to all who have responded so far!

FAITH FORMATION - BEGINS 9/18 at 10:30am

Faith Formation classes for Pre-K- 12th grade will be on Sunday's starting 9/18 from 10:30-11:45am at St. Catherine. Families may register following the 9 am Mass at St Catherine in the church office.

BISHOP WALSH IS COMING TO VISIT OUR PARISHES!!

September 24: St. Raphael at 4:30pm Mass and St. Gabriel at 6:30pm.

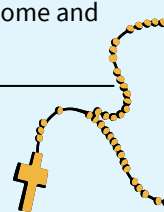
October 16: St. Catherine at 9am and St. Anne at 11am. There will be refreshments after 11am mass in Maria Hall. All parishioners are welcome and encourage to join in welcoming Bishop Walsh.



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCT 2, 2022 ROSARY TO END ABORTION

Sunday October 2 is Respect Life Sunday. Join us after the 11:00 am mass on the church lawn by US-23 as we pray the rosary for the end of abortion. We'll be making signs in the coming weeks.

Please come and stand for the unborn!



7TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET FOR HARBOR LIGHTS PREGNANCY CENTER

Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center is making preparations for their 7th Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet which will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 in the Family Center of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oscoda. The cost to sponsor a table is \$225.00. The tables will seat six guests. All donations are tax deductible. Please submit your check and a list of your six guests to Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center, 310 Newman St, East Tawas, MI 48730 by September 15, 2022.